

REMARKS

The present filing is responsive to the Office Action.

Summary of the Response

Claims 13, 15, 28-30 have been amended. Claim 14 has been canceled. Claims 1-8, 18 and 19 have been previously canceled. Claims 9-13, 15-17 and 20-30 remain pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application as amended are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 16, 17 and 20-27 and Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14 and 15.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 112

Claims 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Appropriate amendments have been made to claims 28-30 to address the Examiner's concerns. By referring to TFT subsequently formed, it is clear that the TFT is subsequently completed after the forming of the fillet (i.e., formation of the fillet is one of the steps leading to the final TFT subsequently formed). Applicant notes that the preamble of claim 13 refers to a

method of fabricating TFT. The scope of claims 28-30 are clear with the currently amended claim language, and further when read in connection with the rest of the claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamazaki et al. (US 6,501,098). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejection, in the interest of forwarding this case to early allowance, Applicant amended claim 13 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Amended claim 13 and all claims dependent therefrom should now be patentable over Yamazaki.

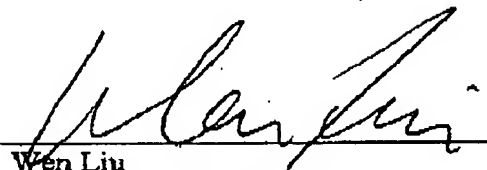
CONCLUSION

In view of all the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims pending in this application are patentable over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. **The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative to discuss any outstanding issues that may not have been adequately addressed in this response.**

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501288 referencing the attorney docket number of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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